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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-17 are pending in the application and claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 16 are rejected, and claims 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15 and 17 are objected to. By this amendment, claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 16 have been cancelled, and claims 5, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 17 have been amended to place the objected claims in a condition for allowance.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,244,764 to Lei et al. (hereinafter, "Lei"). By this amendment, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 16, without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

The Examiner objects to claims 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15, and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Applicants have amended claims 5, 8, 10, 11, 15, and 17 in independent form including all limitations of each respective base claim and any intervening claim. In view of the above amendment, the Applicants believe that claims 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15, and 17 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims pending in the application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Applicant's Attorney to facilitate advancement of the present Application.

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